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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2217

S E C R E T BUENOS AIRES 5376

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CABINET CHANGES REPORTED

1. DURING AFTERNOON OF AUGUST A SENIOR DIPLOMAT IN CORPS TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF COLONEL DAMASCO, MILITARY AIDE TO MRS. PERON, AND TOLD THAT PRESIDENT WISHED TO INFORM HIM SHE WOULD BE GOING ON NATIONAL TELEVISION EARLY NEXT WEEK TO ANNOUNCE COMPLETE CABINET REORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO MY SOURCE, REPORT WAS DELIVERED ORALLY AND HE GAVE ME THE NAMES OF ONLY THREE OF THE NEW CABINET MINISTERS. ACCORDING TO DAMASCO, SENATOR JOSE ANTONIO ALLENDE WOULD REPLACE VIGNES AS FOREIGN MINISTER; ANGEL ROBLEDO, FORMER MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND NOW AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL, WOULD REPLACE BENITEZ AS INTERIOR MINISTER; AND ANTONIO CAFIERO, MOST RECENTLY INTERVENTOR OF MENDOZA PROVINCE, WOULD BECOME MINISTER OF ECONOMY. HE ADDED GARIDO WOULD REMAIN AS DEFMIN.

COMMENT: WHILE THE SOURCE OF THIS INFORMATION HAS REPORTED OTHER EVENTS TO ME WITH GREAT ACCURACY, WE DO NOT HAVE INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF ABOVE INFORMATION. HOWEVER, RUMORS OF MAJOR IMPENDING CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT ARE CIRCULATING IN POLITICAL CIRCLES. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO VERIFY ACCURACY OF THESE REPORTS. IF CONFIRMED WILL REPORT TO DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.
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